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Christmas, 1915.

Were the Babe of Bethlehem lying in a manger in Judea to-day there would come to His ears the hideous thunder of twentieth century guns telling not a story of peace on earth but of man's inhumanity to man. There are those who assert that the noise of battle that would disturb the slumbers of the divine child proves that the mission of the CHRIST upon earth has been the saddest, most tragic failure in the history of mankind. But they reason from false premises and their conclusion is illogical. Bethlehem as His birthplace is immortal, as a battlefield it is ephemeral.

In saying that He came to earth to bring not peace but a sword the CHRIST recognizes the eternal conflict that prevails in the soul of man between good and evil. Whether there be in the material world war or peace, that struggle between right and wrong is forever being waged with the weapons of the spirit.

CHRIST came to give new strength new weapons to the armies of the righteous, to those who fight in the spirit against the powers of darkness Had He brought to earth the kind of peace to which He referred it, would have been a surrender to Satan, who offered Him the kingdoms of the men. CHRIST WAS, CHRIST IS, The sword He gave to man is mightier being wielded in spiritual warfare to the greater glory and ultimate triemph of those ideals that give to the Vuletide its sweetness and its joy.

Non-Political Dinner Remarks by the Colonel.

According to "a guest at the Gary only two remarks "that could be con- truth and fallacy. strued either as a reflection upon President Wilson or as relating to the preparedness issue." Both were father who has not a family of made to Judge Gany and by him re- "three and seven-tenths children is a peated to other diners, who, although failure as a eugenic member of so the gathering was small and select, ciety." The matter of the fractional were not supposed to have heard what offspring seems to present a consid-

understand how Colonel Roosevelt ground. could know this to be the case. In Another researcher professes to "sacrificed" in Mexico and in Euro- amination.

which Judge Gary is said to have to have discovered a new ailment that repeated to the assembled guests was afflicts only drivers of gasolene vehito the effect that since the conflict cles and has been named by him bornly to his own scheme of reform; in Europe began Great Britain had "chauffeur's knee." Whether this is a each is convinced of the honesty of built more war vessels than are rep- new affliction or is one of the many his own intentions and of the practiresented by the entire strength of the varieties of rheumatism or perchance cability of the plan he has devised; United States navy. At the outbreak afflicts only the other fellow, the peland, unfortunately, most, if not all of of the war Great Britain was build- destrian whom the chauffeur has run them, are deeply suspicious of the ing fourteen dreadnought battleships, down, is a question that may be motives and purposes of all who do one battle cruiser and twenty light cleared up later. cruisers, according to United States Still another "discovery" that has Naval Institute Proceedings, which is not yet been put to the ultimate test plish the result for which they are usually well informed. Eight of the is that nervous students are the fourteen battleships were launched in "smartest," "the student who is least which they have pitched, these earn-1913, and they are probably all in nervous standing lowest in his class est souls look with distrust as deep commission by this time. The pre- [in college]." The baseball and foot- as that they hold for open opponents sumption is that the six laid down ball teams are not made up of par- of this aspiration. They see no virin the end of 1913 and early in 1914 ticularly nervous youngsters. They tue in men who cannot swallow their have not been completed yet. The are the men of note in their classes, ambitions and their plan of campaign battle cruiser Tiger, which was and upon their graduation positions whole, indorse them in every detail, launched December 15, 1913, is in await them that pay considerably and give support to every move they commission. Probably half the more than those of the university and advocate. Each cherishes as inspired twenty light cruisers, whose displace- college presidents whom they leave wisdom his own conception of the evil ment ranges from 3,600 to 5,400 tons, behind. If by "smartness" is meant to be assailed and the methods for at have been completed, but there is no ability to become a researcher, per- tacking it, and all who dare to quesmeans of knowing definitely.

It may be assumed that new bat- The recent "discovery" that bald- folly, bad faith, and disloyalty.

been completed. Perhaps he was misquoted, and his comparison may Even so, he would find it difficult Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, Admiral AUSTIN M. KNIGHT OF Admiral FRANK Great Britain has built more dreadnoughts than could be put in our first line of battle.

The Gary dinner must have smacked of the sensational if many such non-political "remarks" were made by the guests. The safest supposition is that the Colonel said noth- dum upon his Department's need of ing of the sort.

The Country Has a Right to Know. The resignation of HENRY A. WISE Woop from the Naval Advisory Board is a misfortune to the cause of preparedness. However, this indignant resignation will have at least one good result if it forces, as nothing else could compel, the Secretary of the Navy to withdraw from the inner compartment of his official safe the full report containing the estimates of the General Board of the Navy as to the maximum needs of

The report withheld by Secretary DANIELS bears the signature of one GEORGE DEWEY

It is not only the minimum that Congress and the country have the right to know; it is not only the compromise between the minimum and the maximum regarded as expedient or possible by civilian administrative authority in the department. Congress and the country likewise have the right to know and to consider the extreme figures of the requirements of the service, according to the highest professional expert judgment.

Whether the maximum, whatever its size may be, is immediately procurable is not a question for the Secretary of the Navy. It is a question for Congress, which votes on the appropriations, and for the country, which pays the bills.

We commend to the Hon. Josephus DANIELS the example of the much more straightforward, and therefore much more judicious, policy of Secretary GARRISON with regard to the eternal conflict between the desirable and the possible.

Not All Discoveries Are So.

The medico-sociological research professors are all the time announce ing discoveries. That's what many world in exchange for the souls of of them are for. Every time one of them proclaims a discovery and it is proved not to be true he makes a to-day than ever heretofore. It is contribution to human knowledge because he indirectly adds one thing to the sum of things that the world knows to be untrue. If there were enough of these researchers they would in the course of time perhaps "discover" all things that are not true, and then by separating what they have "discovered" from what dinner" there was no politics at that they have not discovered it would be repast and Colonel Roosevelt made possible to draw the line between

One of these professors, of a eugenic turn of mind, says that the erable problem to non-eugenic heads

One of these remarks was to the of families. The required number effect that more Americans had lost might be roughly approximated by their lives during the revolutions in providing the other children with a Mexico and as the result of outrages half brother or half sister, but the upon American life in the European family would still be two-tenths of a war, such as the sinking of the Lusi- child shy. If it should turn out that tania, than were sacrificed in the en- the eugenic family is impossible, then tire war with Spain. We really cannot the professor's discovery falls to the

the war with Spain the United States discover the coming of the day when army lost in killed and dead from science will control the growth of wounds 37 officers and 318 men, while children, suspending it or causing it 80 officers and 2,485 men succumbed to be resumed at will. Thus, should to disease. The navy lost 18 tone that day come, the hard-up head of officer) killed in battle and 30 from a large family could have the growth wounds and injuries, while 50 died of the several children stopped until from disease. The total of lives "sac. they wore out all their clothes; after rificed" was therefore 3.018. Could which he could buy clothing for them Colonel Roosevelt show that as many a few sizes too large, set them grow-Americans have lost their lives in ing till they filled the garments, and Mexico and at sea in the European then, if necessary, if economy dicwar? Could be even prove that as tated, stop their growth until the new many Americans as 403, the number supply of clothing was past further of officers and soldiers of the army wearing, when the process could be and officers and sailors of the navy repeated. The grounds for this hopewho were killed or died of wounds ful look into the future have not yet in the war with Spain, have been undergone the test of scientific ex-

Among the recent minor announce-

haps the nervousness test is right.

tleships and cruisers of the dread- headed persons are never insane nought type have been laid down in was quickly demolished through the with these unreasonable, if virtuous, British yards since the war began, process of counting the denuded pates persons, most trying. His own dispobut Colonel Roose, who was once in a large asylum for lunatics, which sition we do not pretend to know;

must know that none of them has to those not bald was about the same there as among persons at large.

To the plain and wise old all around ers. These seasoned men of science F. FLETCHER that since the war began do not jump at conclusions; they jump on the vagaries of unseasoned researchers.

ment.

The Secretary of State has presented to the Congress a memoranbetter housing. The present quarters are "inadequate and inconvenient." the working force is not concentrated, and records and documents of inestimable value are stored without those precautions for their safe pres- it.—BAN JOHNSON. ervation which every consideration imperatively dictare.

It is not fitting that the Depart-War and Navy building is now taxed original declaration. beyond capacity.

Mr. Lansing's immediate predecesexpected to attempt the needed reform by flat, but the present Secreprompt and businesslike consideration by the Federal legislature.

After this State's experience of the pers of Mr. Lansing's Department idly should be permitted to remain stored nexed" for the purpose.

The Naked Avowal.

The official literature of Kultur has article in a Dresden newspaper signed by Dr. Scherighofer, a member of dustries.

This candid gentleman informs his fellow countrymen that on no account must Germany accept "peace have been planned and conducted? terms which would make Belgium an obstacle to the strengthening of our and ore districts now occupied by the trals. all future time in possession of the in that than the rest. coal fields in auestion."

vocates as a national policy for his national ho

The Children's Crusade.

That HENRY FORD has abandoned Prince. his peace pilgrimage and is returning to this country in impaired health is the latest news from Europe concerning this amazing enterprise. So much A Serious View of the Foolishness of mystery has been thrown around his recent acts that the morning's news | To the Holton of The Sun-Sir of the obvious futility of his mission and the grave dangers inseparable from the attempt to carry it out. The one undeniable fact now apparent is contemplated from the upper floor of a New York hotel took on a different can

Not the least of these were the obguests themselves. The party had not been afloat forty-eight hours before Sidelights of History, Sacred and Prothe temperamental defects of its memthe temperamental defects of its members began to operate against their continuance together in peace and harmony. Disregarding those who had accepted Mr. Forn's invitation from unworthy or merely trivial motives, the aggregation of delegates included a number of persons whose included a number of persons whose simplicity of mind and praiseworthy Another remark of the Colonel's ments is that of a doctor who claims ambitions cannot obscure the fact that they are not easy or comfortable companions. Each of these clings stubnot agree with their theories.

On the man who seeks to accomstriving by means other than that on tion in any detail are convicted of

Mr. Ford must have found trave

an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, indicated that the proportion of bald it has seemed that he had no plan for the furtherance of his ideal, but had adopted a policy of opportunism. But that the man was harried, worried have related to line of battle ships. doctors and to the skilled specialist and distracted by his guests is writbelongs mostly the credit for showing ten inescapably in every despatch to convince such naval officers as the fallacy of most of the "discover- that has recorded their behavior, and ies" of the ambitious young research- it is significant that at the first chance which offered, Mr. Forp sought seclusion from his companions. If he endeavors to make the dissociation permanent, it will not be astonishing. By this time he may have learned More Room for the State Depart- that there are some things harder to bear than other people's wars, and that one of them is the unrelieved society of cranks.

> Obviously, Mayor MITCHEL hopes to get those boys out of the drenches before sunup.

No contract jumper shall ever again be permitted to play in organized base-ball while I have anything to say about

Inasmuch as the most important of business and of sentiment would concession made to the Federal League in the peace terms is the reinstatement of contract jumpers so ment of State of the United States these players to organized baseball for that the Federal magnates may sell of America should be quartered and highly remunerative sums, thus reequipped in a manner that would be couping a part of their losses, this discreditable to the management of seems to be one instance in which the a similarly important department of "Czar of Baseball wish Those who like "clean" baseball wish private firm in business. The State, that Big Ban had stood firm on his

sor in high office might have been an agency of distress, holiday travel-lers are urged to take special precauwhere the grip epidemic is prevalent. tary is a more reasonable person. The exercise of reasonable care will whose entirely just request deserves not spoil the Christmas fun, but neglect may easily contribute to the spread of the discomfort.

destruction of unprotected archives old fashioned. "I do not believe," he by fire, it seems incredible that pa. says, "the people of America can sit by and see liberty crushed to earth, law and order overthrown and civilization abolished." insecurely in a dwelling house "an- reception of his speech at an American-Canadian dinner (hyphenated hospitality) shows that the Spirit of '76 is not departed from us.

Boston's population is now 745,439, presented nothing quite so shamelessly compared with 670,585 in 1910. The nude as the proposal contained in an Sacred Codfish has put on 74.854 new

the Prussian Diet and Secretary of for their treatment of American citithe War Committee of German In- zens, and we shall not have to fight Bulgaria. The war that has been averted by this concession and reparation would have presented difficult problems. How would our campaign

national power and economic prog-ress." With unadorned frankness he portion." says Mme. Bernhardt. The ress." With unadorned frankness he immortal Sarah is a better patriot points out the value of the coal fields than respecter of the ways of neu-The dear American public relief Kaiser's troops, "Germany," he con- heartily reciprocates her good wishes. tinues, "must take care to remain for and it is not to be supposed that "the German portion" will be less sincere

The only comment we have to make | Well, he came-didn't he, boys and upon Dr. Scherighofer's proposition girls! And the jolly old Saint, a litis that a very large percentage of the tie bit sobered by the heavy demand involuntary inmates of the peniten-tiaries in Prussia as well as in the tin soldier department of his toy factory, is especially anxious that tiaries in Prussia, as well as in the the young colonels and generals who eastern civilized world, have been drill them and shoot them down by locked up there because they ven. platoons and regiments may never tured to exercise as private individ- know the horrors of real war, but uals the same theory of appropriation and the ardors of blank cartridge batof valuable things which he now ad- ties, in days of peace with perfect

sunk again. They seem to have as capture of the one thousand and more many lives as the German Crown German soldiers.

Constitute the story of the serves the Lord of Light:

He rushed into the chapel, with all

fane.

Would Mr. Carman say of the his-tory of our country, "We have enough in the stories of the first settlers with-out dragging in all these."

in the stories of the first settlers without dragging in all these yarns about Washington, Franklin and Jefferson"?

The sidelights of profame history have always had their value. Why should the sidelights of religious history be ignored 3.

SCHANTON, Pa. December 24.

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This statue is the work of one of the greatest of modern sculptors, J. Q. Ward, who spent hours studying my father as he worked in his office; who after his death took u mask of his face, so that with his strong, virile gen. 1.

SCHANTON, Pa. December 24. SCRANTON, Pa., December 24.

can sculptor, as a remarkable likeness of a characteristic American, let it not

bring a drink or a dish.

Then, too, shall we be permitted to eat the horse meat on fast days? And if we will we suffer from nightmare? That's

lerry Christmas! Merry Christmas Sweet the words that come again;

As we gaze across the sea. Sacred to the Prince of Peace;

Merry Christmas! Sad our hearts

Merry while there's hell on earth ! re our songs but mockery That we sing for Josus' birth?

Charges of Mismanagement.

SERBIAN RELIEF. Dr. Pupin Discusses and Discredit

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: our paper of December 22 you have eprint of an article which appeared relief supplies. In this article the mismanagement and incompetence, and even dishonesty, the supplies sent to Serbia for relief never reached the organization should be formed for th purpose of distributing efficiently all re-lief supplies sent to Serbia.

Permit me to state here that owing

to the information which I received from Mr. George Trevelyan, the English hisorian, who visited this country nine nonths ago, I was the first to make an effort of aiding Serbia in the distribu-tion of relief supplies, and at my solici-tation; the Committee of Mercy, the Serbian Relief Committee and the Serbo ing a volunteer squad of students to Serbia for the purpose of distributing

the supplies.

This volunteer squad consisted of twenty-five university students, mostly from Columbia, and twenty-five Serbian immigrants in this country who were to act as assistants to the students They went to Serbia equipped with twenty-five automobiles and a complete field equipment. When they reache the Serblan Government everything to aid the squad in perform ing the work for which they were sent.

returned in time to take up their work at the opening of this academic term. Some of them remained in Serbia, and a few of them joined the Serbian army All the young Serblar as volunteers. immigrants who went with the students are still in Serbia. Those students who returned had nothing but the highest praise for the Serbians and their the inefficient distribution of supplies in Serbia was due at the time when he was there to a lamentable lack of transportation facilities. It is brutal, to say at least, to insinuate, as the article if the Chicago *Tribune* does, that the in-efficient distribution of supplies was due to incompetence or even to dishonesty If the Bulgarians have found that store was not sent from America for distribution among the sufferers in

invasion of Serbia in October all the allied relief committees of New York and Boston have been cooperating for the Serbia but also for the purpose of or-ganizing an American commission which will efficiently distribute these supplies when they reach Serbia, or Greece, or me out in the statement that much has been accomplished already in this direct with perfect assurance that the relie supplies sent to Greece, Albania of Montenegro will certainly be distributed most efficiently among the Serbian refugees and that this distribution will be performed by our own American cit zens, who enjoy our full confidence, and that these men will find in their work most efficient aids among the Serbian

Unfortunate incidents will, of course er now and then, as for instance the dent in Monastir when the American tributing among Serbian refugees were confiscated by the savage Bulgarian hordes. We trust, however, that such incidents will be few; but whenever hey do occur we can expect the Bul sarian offenders to charge the results of their rapacity against the incompetence and dishonesty of Serbian officials.

NEW YORK, December 23

WARTIME CHRISTMASES. How Shall the Memory of the Lusitania Affect the Day?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: was good to read in THE SUN of those stout hearted, ragged and rugged heroes The Goeben and Breslau have been Christmas Day in 1776 the story of the The Wind heard very kindly, for he

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES.
sons in the trying days of 1812, the Mexican, civil and Spanish-American wars were equally stout and withstood privations and hardships, and that the triumphs given to these victorious men made the Christmases of their times

At hand is the first Christmas followrecent acts that the morning's news may contradict this, and reveal him either in a sanitarium or struggling to continue the trip to which his un-

masterpiece Again, as the work of a great Ameri

pass into obscurity, O people of this city and of his heart.

GABRIELLE GREELEY CLENDENIN. New York, December 24.

Dreaming of a Greater Kentucky.

One thousand geese driven by Blaine Short and Sylvester Howard passed along in front of the *Times* office Wednesday. All seemed to be cackling, and it was hard to tell which noise fell most pleasantly on our ears, the noise made by the water fowls or the hum of the machinery in the land, and we would be glad to remain in it always. Where our people have a thousand geese they should have hundreds of thousands, and one of these days soo they will have and the land will teem with geese, ducks, chickens and "ring necked" pheasants.

Knicker-Who is running our diplo

Bocker-Either the White House or the

THE TROLL AND THE MAID.

An Icelandic Christmas Ballad. The troll he saw a maiden, rose white

and red was she— Ah, if she had a husband, how happy he would be, And I will be that husband, for on this mortal sight.

so spoke the troll of Vellir, the greatest troll of all. Who for a human maiden had lar guished, since the Fall Had made the hidden troll folk a

alone, apart, To lack for love, and ever to have the longing heart.

Christmas eve in Iceland their yearning is so deep venture from their rock caves to where the maidens sleep, peer through glowing windows where Christmas candles burn; But, if the dawn arises, to stone th quickly turn.

Oh, happy was this malden, and happy was the youth whom she was betrothed, in stancy and truth; And on this eve of Juletime she stayed at home to care

For her sister's little daughter, who was

And while the child was sleeping, and at the midnight mass
The neighbor folk were singing, she
heard the great troll pass;
She said her "Pater" bravely, and like

The troll is at her window, she

that he is near, And if she does not raise her eyes she has no need to fear. White is your hand, O maiden, white is your snowy hand, Untouched by any evil thing that lives

Clear as the ice your eyes, girl, clear as the ice your eyes! And in my eyes, O mighty troll, no evil thinking lies!"
'I saw your feet a moment, soft tinted pearl and rose !

And they have never trod where the poison flower grows Ah, ruddy red your lips, girl, ash berries in the sun!"
I keep them for my Christjan, he the only one-

eyes, my lips are his, for whom I wait— Soon comes the sun, O Elf man, the Red Horse that you hate! "O maiden, look upon me, I have dia-mond drops like dew.

And all my precious jewels I offer unto 'No, I will wed my Christjan before next Easter noon In the great church of Vellir—Go! fast

'He cannot give you diamonds as morn ing hailstones clear. He cannot give you rubies—ah! look, I

They'll glow upon your neck like rose leaves dropped on milk.

And shine like flames at night time upon your gloves of silk. Up flashed her eyes a moment-he drew her from her bed— "These rubies for your neck, love, these

She wept, she called, she shricked, "The troll will do me til! But backward came her crying, for the world was very still No man shall ever touch my lips, except the man I love—save me, Blessed Mother, and all

the saints above! The troll he laughed out loudly, "You're mine and mine and mine.

The memory of your Christian we'll shortly drown in wine." "Go west." she whispered softly unto

Say to the priest at Vellir, for surely To speak a word in Latin, to save me from this fate. A word at once in Latin, or it will be laration.

his main and might.

"Abi, male Spiritus" the Wind sang to surprised, repeated it, instead of "Missa est."

And much the people wondered as these strange words were said
And swift before the Red Horse the Wind now eastward sped; For on the eye of Christmas both beasts and wind are fain To show their loving knowledge that A Christ lived not in vain!

ather's statue buried in an out of the among her hair of gold.

He who worked and loved the Amerian people with every fibre of his great oving heart; he who was the product of the among her hair of gold.

There hay wide streaks of silver, as if she had grown old—

"And these I bear in memory of the country of the countr These marks upon my body, but

> Easter jocund Christjan and this And many times this tale was told, as swift the good years sped And when the trolls were walking upon the holy night.

Oh, you were slim and lovely when to the rocks we ran,
ow!--" "Troll," quoth the housewife, "you are no gentleman!"
MAURICE FRANCIS EGAN. COPENHAGEN, December, 1915.

There glittered in the sky last night The Universal Tree. Each burning orb a candle light

Each universal gift; Beyond all price, to left and right, They found us sure and swift.

We scarcely paused to murk. Yet if it came but once a year How we would watch and hark MCLANDBERGH WILSON.

Before Taking.

Gee whiz, What a very Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas is But. say, Don't you forget

W. J. LAMPION.

THE PARDONING POWER. The President Has No Authority Out-

side the Federal Establishment. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will you kindly decide the following contro-

yersy:

If a capital crime is committed, tha of murder, in a State and punishable under the laws of that State and the Convention in New Orleans courts of last resort have been appeale o, and the Governor of said State refuses to commute or pardon, has the President of the United States a righ or authority either to commute, pardon or override the final decision of the Governor of said State in such case? MANY NOTABLES GOING

NEWARK, N. J., December 24.

The pardoning power of the President extends only to Federal prison-State he possesses no authority to intervene, and when he interests himself in a case he does so as any other citizen might suing for a favor. It was in this way that Mr. Wilson interested himself in the recent case of Hillstrom, the murderer convicted and executed under the laws of the State

HESSIAN LETTERS.

They Report Opinions on Our Climate, Women and Institutions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The editorial article on the "Sparrowgrass" papers and the Hessians suggests the very interesting information on America contained in the letters written by these Hessians to their friends in Hesse-Cas-sei. We must not confuse these people with the Prussians, many of whom with the Prussians, many of whom served in the American army. These letters are full of entertaining remarks on the climate and other doings noted by the writers. On the climate a letter from Staunton, Va., June, 1779, writing of the intense heat and terrible thunder

torms, continues:

Toward the end of February the peach of participants. One wand cherry trees had already blossomed, who has traded in y and cherry trees had already blossomed. but toward the middle and end of April all the fruit became frozen, even the rye

So the climate doesn't seem to have the smaller manufa changed. In a letter written from Philadelphia,

January 18, 1778: At the present time I can form no mental picture of an earthly paradise with and. Not so, however, with Pennsyl-nia. If the Hon. Count Penn were to advisers offer me the whole country of Pennayive offer me the whole country of Pennayive offer me the condition that I should live who will speak who will speak there the rest of my life. I hardly think quet on Friday in Foreign Tra

To-day being a day of rest, I such that been handleappe you an account of two things which particularly struck me in this country. The combinations among ticularly struck me in this country. Many of these answ first of these was the evident mastery that the women possessed over the men. In Canada this power is used by the women to further the interests of the men, but here it is used nearly to ruin them. The wives and daughters of these people spend more than their incomes upon finery. The man must fish up the

last penny he has in his pocket. The beauty and grace of the women Secreta

That the Hessian is not a Prussian is noted in letters written between No-those who have vember 15, 1777, and October 10, 1778, a Orleans are Gov sort of diary, where the meeting between Lor Prussian officers serving in the Ameri- of can army and their expression of delight "at the sight of our blue coats" Company of New Yare set forth, and also in a letter from a Hessian chaplain, from "Brookland Association, Charles [Brooklyn] near New York," Septem-

Our loved Hessians assimilate them seives to their surroundings in all things.

The delays of the English Generale make them impatient, while the of-fensive looks cast upon the Germans by the English excites still more their ire. Many Hessians left the army and set-

f John Hancock, a signer of the Dec-

and settled in Philadelphia

Massachusetts, girl, and as John Hen-! Railways derson left descendants who are still sit committee of General George A. Custer, the Indian Novem fighter, was the great-grandson of a stoner Kracke in the Hessian officer who served under Burtended that the open Captured and paroled, he set- over the

HUDSON PALISADES.

Brother of the Star's Celebrates from operating

from the attempt to carry it out. The one undeniable fact now apparent is should be celebrated by wassails is that with the approach of his party to Europe the difficulties that had seemed of negligible account when seemed of the Sun.

The did the adversarial seems account to stone.

HIS Daughter's Appeal for a Site for the make account to the make of the Sun.

The did the celebrated by wassails is git to stone.

And high above her village the No one of honest financial standing, of intellectuality or plain common sense can welcome with enthusiasm of inarticulate ravings a New Year of which they cannot conjecture what it may have in store.

New York, December 24.

Sidelights of History, Sacred and Profunce.

It Near the Scene of His Labers.

To the Scene of His Labers.

She went, soft, pure and gladsome, by the mad troll unkissed.

But on her milk white neck there was a mark of crimson flame—

Like rose leaves red in snow time—the rubies left their shame.

To the People and City of New York:

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I do appeal to you not to have my father's statue buried in an out of the way obscure park.

And where there might be diamonds, among her hair of gold. their highest point, but nevertheless there is something about them far more impressive and lofty than the appear-

formed originally of sandstone and shale, between which a thick layer of molten trap rock intruded. This in-truding layer of trap rock cooled in a columnar position, so that as the outer, softer sandstone and shale, owing to erosion and frost, are worn slowly away, cellor is no this inner, harder layer is exposed, hav-ing a perpendicular, precipitous appearthe holy night,

She tightly barred the doorway and hugged her bables tight.

She heard the troll a-singing, "O woman oid and brown,

You may walk at ease on Christmas eve through-fill of Vellir town,

The holy night,

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But although the outer coat of the Palisades will some day be wholly worn Holly, ex-Gov. out, its inner mass will last for ages, East Orange, Fa

One of Mayor Mitchel's Acts Wins SHERIFF REPORTS

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Not that I take a whole lot of stock in some of Mayor Mitchel's policies, believe me' But I do believe his New Year's Eve.

Tells of Disbursing St by Jury Panel Sheriff Grifenhager and 3 o'clock A. M. edict is pretty close to terday

Anything beyond that is silly, as it panels of the strikes me. If I'm not ready to go to be devoted home at 3 o'clock A. M. I hope some was deposited kindly cop will tell me to "beat it"

JOHN WORTHY. NEW YORK, December 24.

Because of Many Excellent Reasons.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SIN-Sir: One cent letters; why not? One cent telegrams; why not? ANDREW PLECHER

First Present-Travelling much?

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